(घ) इस मूल्य वृद्धि के परिणामस्वरूप 1996-97 के दौरान तेल पूल खाते में लगभग 6,977 करोड़ रूपए की अतिरिक्त आय होने का अनुमान है ।

Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies Allotted to the Reserved Categories

600. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of petrol, diesel retail outlets and LPG dealerships allotted to persons belonging to SCs, STs, Minority Sections, Backward Classes, handicapped and terrorist-affected widows in Punjab, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh, during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Existing policy provides reservation of dealerships/distributorships to the following categories as under: Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SCAT) —25%
Defence (DC) —$7^{1/2}$%
Physically Handicapped (PH) —$7^{1/2}$
Freedom Fighters (FF) —3%
Outstanding Sports Persons (OSP) —2%
Open (O) —55%

There is no separate reservation for Minority Sections, Backward Classes and terrorist affected widows.

The number of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships allotted to SC/ ST and P.H. Category during the last three years i.e. 1993-94 to 1996-97 upto Jan. 97 in Punjab, Assam, Andhra Pradesh and J&K in indicated below:

	Retail Outlet			LPG		
	SC	ST	PH	SC	ST	PH
Punjab	22	0	4	13	0	3
Assam	4	15	2	2	12	2
Andhra Pradesh	10	9	5	9	6	6
J&K	1	0	1	2	0	1

Rise in the Price of Crude Oil

601. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment have recently raised the price of crude oil to be paid to ONGC and OIL;

(b) if so, the percentage of rise in the crude oil price as compared to the price raised by Government during the last year;

(c) what are the reasons for raising the crude oil price;

(d) the extent to which this rise is likely to burden the Oil Pool Account deficit; and

(e) what would be its overall impact on the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) lo (e) Government has raised the price of indigenous crude oil payable to ONGC and OIL from Rs. 1741/MT to Rs. 1991/MT provisionally w.e.f. 1.4.96. The revised crude oil price is based on